

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan for Smith Creek in Rockingham County, Shenandoah County and City of Harrisonburg. These streams were originally listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's general aquatic life standard and the State's water quality standard for bacteria. A TMDL for bacteria were developed to address the bacterial impairment, and a TMDL for sediment were developed to address the general aquatic life impairment. These TMDLs were approved by EPA on June 29, 2004 and are available on DEQ's website at:

http://gisweb.deq.virginia.gov/tmdlapp/tmdl_report_search.cfm.

§62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits, and environmental impacts.

DEQ and DCR will hold a final public meeting on **Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6pm** to inform the public of the IP development and to solicit comments on the draft document. The draft Implementation Plan will be available for review on the web no later than January 15, 2009 at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/iprpts.html>. The meeting will be held at the Tenth Legion Ruritan Hall in Tenth Legion, Virginia. A dinner will be served before the meeting. For directions and to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Tara Sieber at the details below.

The public comment period for this final public meeting will end on **Friday, February**

13, 2009. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Tara Sieber, DEQ, (540) 574-7870. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Tara Sieber, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7870, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail tlsieber@deq.virginia.gov.